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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6576

BILL NUMBER: HB 1207

DATE PREPARED: Nov 27, 2001

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Drivers Holding Commercial Driver's Licenses.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that certain federal regulations pertaining to an intrastate driver who held a Commercial Driver's license before August 1, 1999, and who is an insulin dependent diabetic do not apply if the driver is employed by a private carrier of property operated only in intrastate commerce or by a carrier of property operated only in intrastate commerce while employed in construction or construction-related service. It specifies that such a driver must meet fitness requirements adopted by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) for holding a commercial driver's license.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This proposal changes the date when federal regulations will apply to an insulin-dependent diabetic intrastate commercial driver. Changing the date may result in an increase in the number of prospective insulin-dependent diabetic drivers seeking an intrastate Commercial Drivers License (CDL). This in turn would result in an increase in the number of medical files (of prospective drivers) being reviewed by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) Drivers' Licensing Advisory Committee. The Drivers' Licensing Advisory Committee consists of five members, two of whom are licensed medical doctors, one of whom is an optometrist, and two others, all of whom serve at the pleasure of the Commissioner of the BMV. The purpose of the Committee is to determine whether a prospective driver is medically qualified to operate a commercial motor vehicle interstate or intrastate. The members of the Committee receive \$20 for each case that is reviewed. The BMV reports that Committee members are eligible for per diem, but do not claim it. Further, Committee members receive mileage reimbursement. The BMV expenditures for the Committee for FY 2000 through FY 2002 are provided in the following table.

YEAR	AMOUNT
FY 2000	\$11,390
FY 2001	\$17,850
FY 2002	\$8,513*

*through October 12, 2001.

The fund affected is the Motor Vehicle Highway Account which supports the BMV. Currently, there are 221,055 Commercial Driver's licenses in the state, with approximately 8,200 of these being intrastate licenses.

Explanation of State Revenues: The fee for a Commercial Drivers' License is \$30, with \$15 deposited into the Motor Vehicle Highway Account; \$14.50 deposited into the State License Branch Fund, which supports the operation of the state's 168 license branches; and \$.50 put into the BMV Technology Fund. If an amendment is sought for a CDL, which would include the addition or removal of a CDL endorsement or restriction, other than at the time of application, the fee is \$10, with \$5 deposited into the Motor Vehicle Highway Account; \$4.50 deposited into the State License Branch Fund; and \$.50 into the BMV Technology Fund.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Melanie Schwartz, Deputy Commissioner and Director of Vehicle and Drivers' Licenses Services, 233-1218; Claudia Mellott, Vehicle Services Division, Department of Revenue, 615-7210.